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Sir:

A Final Rejection which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on January 30, 2006, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on April 30, 2006. A Notice of Appeal was mailed on May 1, 2006, the first business day following the April 30, 2006 due date, which fell on a Sunday. The PTO stamped the post card receipt on May 3, 2006. Thus, an Appeal brief was due by July 3, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until August 3, 2006.

Please charge the \$120.00 fee (fee code 1251) for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

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